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1. The 44th Border Guard Otryad Headquarters at Lenkoran (N38-45, E48-50) had four mobile radio stations mounted on trucks. These radio stations were always at the disposal of Border Guard Otryad Headquarters and could be sent anywhere they were needed. For instance, in case of trouble, they could be sent either to the subordinate komendatury or to the latter's zastavy along the Soviet/Iranian border.

These mobile radio stations were manned by three border guard EM. One, usually a sergeant, was the radio operator and the second, usually a private, was the assistant radio operator; both of these EM wore border guard shoulder boards with a metallic emblem. The third soldier on the truck, usually a private, was the driver.

2. In addition to these four mobile radio stations, there was a permanent radio station in the 44th Border Guard Otryad Headquarters building. This radio station was in communication with the Border Guard District Headquarters, which was in Baku at that time, as well as with the subordinate komendatury of the 44th Border Guard Otryad. This permanent radio station was manned by a lieutenant and a sergeant in two daily shifts of 12 hours each.

3. At the 2d Komendatura, there was a senior sergeant radio operator and his assistant, a private, who manned the Komendatura's radio station 24 hours a day. In addition, the Komendatura personnel included two signal men, both privates, who repaired telephone lines for the Komendatura and subordinate zastavy.

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4. [redacted] all border guard zastavy had a low-powered (malomoshchnaya) radio station. At the 11th Border Guard Zastava, there was one radio operator, Pvt Ribakov (fmu), of the class of 1932 who, once a day, received and transmitted messages [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] in addition to Ribakov, there was a [redacted] junior sergeant who was responsible for the radio station and telephone. ³ The senior sergeant also charged the batteries for the portable searchlights [redacted] 25X1

5. The only signal training [redacted] at Lenkoran consisted of about two hours of familiarization with a type of field telephone and receiver which could be plugged in at various connections along the border. ⁴ [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] The only recruits who received further signal training were those who were to serve in a capacity necessitating this knowledge and training. [redacted] 25X1

6. [redacted] the following information about signal equipment observed with border guard troop units: 25X1

a. Wire and cable. Along the USSR/Iran border, [redacted] telephone wires which were sometimes insulated and sometimes not; these insulated wires were always underground. At [redacted] the 11th Border Guard Zastava, these underground wires existed on the left and right flanks to enable patrols to communicate with zastava headquarters. The non-insulated telephone wires were strung along poles or trees and linked the [redacted] zastava with adjacent zastavy and the 2d Komendatura. In both the zastava apparatus room and in the warehouse, large spools of insulated and non-insulated wire were kept to be used in emergencies when communications were severed. The insulation was in red, green, blue, and other colors. [redacted] 25X1

b. Telegraph equipment. There was no telegraph equipment at either the 2d Border Guard Komendatura or the 11th Border Guard Zastava. [redacted] 25X1

c. Supply of electricity. Each zastava and komendatura had a wind-driven electric generator which was used to charge batteries or even to work the radio station. [redacted] this generator [redacted] classified as signal equipment. [redacted] 25X1

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